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1. THIS IS SECOND MESSAGE REGARDING USUN DISCUSSION
WITH SIR ROBERT JACKSON (FIRST MESSAGE NOT SENT LUSAKA).

2. REGARDING ZAMBIA, SIR ROBERT REITERATED THAT MEETING
OF DONORS WOULD BE HELD NOVEMBER 15 IN NEWYORK. (THIS
MEETING TO CONSTITUTE A BRIEFING FOR EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION, WHICH IS FORMAT AGREED TO IN REF (2). USUN
OFFICERS WILL ATTEND MEETING, AND WILL PREPARE MESSAGE
SUMMARIZING DISCUSSION.)

3. IN ADDITION, SIR ROBERT MADE FOLLOWING GENERAL
COMMENTS REGARDING ZAMBIAN SITUATION. HE INDICATED HE
HAD EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI AND
WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, THE LATTER HAVING PROVIDED HIM
WITH CONFIDENTIAL FIGURES (PRESUMABLY TRADE DATA). IN
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ADDITION, HE STATED THAT WITH REGARD OVERALL ECONOMIC

SITUATION, ZAMBIA NOT SUFFERING FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM, REFLECTIVE OF THE FACT THAT COPPER PRICES HAVE HELD UP WHILE IMPORTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM AND AUSTERITY.

4. COMMENT. QUESTION IS HOW SYG CAN BE FORTHCOMING ON MANDATE TO ASSIST ZAMBIA AND YET RESPECT FACT THAT CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE ACCOUNT OF GOZ NOT DETERIORATING DANGEROUSLY. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY DELICATE SITUATION AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR UN TO DEAL WITH THAN ANY OTHER DISASTER QUESTION BEFORE IT. FYI: JOAN ANSTEE ONE OF COLLABORATORS ON JACKSON'S CAPACITY STUDY IS HANDLING THIS PROBLEM. END FYI. WITH REGARD COPPER PRICES, HOWEVER, SIR ROBERT NOTED THAT CHILE'S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA COULD HAVE SOME "INTERESTING" EFFECTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT THESE MIGHT BE.
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